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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF EXCESS F-5 AIRCRAFT TO KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 3549

1. KENYA PRESS TODAY PROMINENTLY REPORTED STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY BY ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO ASSURING A QUESTIONER: " IF WE WERE TO BUY WAR EQUIPMENT TO SAFEGUARD OUR COUNTRY, WE WOULD BUY NEW WEAPONS AND NOT SECONDHAND."

2. WHEN I SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI WHETHER THIS STATEMENT REPRESENTED OFFICIAL GOK POLICY, HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD DISREGARD STATEMENT AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP EXCESS F-5 PACKAGE.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE KIEREINI'S ASSURANCES, SEARCHING PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS CAN BE EXPECTED IF F-5 DEAL ARRANGED. SINCE F-5 DEAL WOULD HAVE TO BE PUBLICLY DEFENDED BY GOK IN PARLIAMENT (AS WELL AS PRIVATELY TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA WHO HAS AVERSION TO ACQUIRING SECONDHAND MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS RESULT OF BAD EXPERIENCE WITH BRITISH AIRCRAFT), OUR OFFER SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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